

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method for administering a ~~lipopeptide antibiotic~~ daptomycin, comprising the step of administering to a human patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of ~~the lipopeptide antibiotic~~ daptomycin in a dose of at least 3 mg/kg of ~~the lipopeptide~~ daptomycin at a dosage interval that minimizes skeletal muscle toxicity, wherein the ~~lipopeptide antibiotic~~ daptomycin dose is repeatedly administered at a dosage interval of once every 24 48 hours to once ~~every 48 hours~~ weekly.

2-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the dose is 3 to 12 mg/kg.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein the dose is 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 mg/kg.

9. (Previously presented)) The method according to claim 1, wherein the dose is 10 to 25 mg/kg.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 9, wherein the dose is 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20 or 25 mg/kg.

11. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein an antibiotic other than ~~a lipopeptide antibiotic~~ daptomycin is co-administered with the lipopeptide antibiotic.

12. (Cancelled)

C
cont.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 11, wherein said antibiotic is selected from the group consisting of penicillins and related drugs, carbapenems, cephalosporins and related drugs, aminoglycosides, bacitracin, gramicidin, mupirocin, chloramphenicol, thiamphenicol, fusidate sodium, lincomycin, clindamycin, macrolides, novobiocin, polymyxins, rifamycins, spectinomycin, tetracyclines, vancomycin, teicoplanin, streptogramins, anti-folate agents, sulfonamides, trimethoprim and its combinations, pyrimethamine, synthetic antibacterials, nitrofurans, methenamine mandelate, methenamine hippurate, nitroimidazoles, quinolones, fluoroquinolones, isoniazid, ethambutol, pyrazinamide, para-aminosalicylic acid (PAS), cyclosporine, capreomycin, ethionamide, prothionamide, thiacetazone and viomycin.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 11, wherein said antibiotic is selected from the group consisting of imipenem, amikacin, netilmicin, fosfomycin, gentamicin and teicoplanin.

15. (Original) The method according to claim 11, wherein said administering is via oral, subcutaneous or intravenous administration.

16-25 (Canceled)

26. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said
administering is via oral, subcutaneous or intravenous administration.
